



**BILL RICHARDSON**  
GOVERNOR

*State of New Mexico*  
**ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**  
*Office of the Secretary*  
*Harold Runnels Building*  
*1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 26110*  
*Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-6110*  
*Telephone (505) 827-2855*  
*Fax (505) 827-2836*



**RON CURRY**  
SECRETARY

**DERRITH WATCHMAN-MOORE**  
DEPUTY SECRETARY

September 27, 2004  
Immediate Release

Contact: Jon Goldstein, NMED Communications Dir.  
Phone: (505) 827-0314

## **Environment Department to Honor "Green" Businesses with Awards Wednesday, September 29**

(Santa Fe, NM) —The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will honor six New Mexico businesses and organizations for preventing pollution with its Green Zia Awards on Wednesday September 29. Environment Secretary Ron Curry will present the awards, administered by NMED's Office of Pollution Prevention. **The ceremony will be held at the Inn at Sunrise Springs in Santa Fe on Wednesday, September 29 from 11 am to 2 pm.**

"Governor Richardson is working to make New Mexico businesses cleaner and more economically robust," said NMED Secretary Ron Curry. "These Green Zia Awards are another part of that effort. Businesses that improve environmentally can decrease waste and improve profits, showing that pollution prevention is not only good for our state's environment, it is also good for business and the economy of New Mexico."

The following organizations will be honored Wednesday for helping to prevent pollution. In doing so, many of them have gone beyond regulatory requirements.

### **Achievement Recognitions**

Alamogordo Public Schools, Alamogordo  
Cannon Air Force Base, Clovis  
Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque  
NASA White Sands Test Facility, Las Cruces

### **Commitment Recognitions**

Vista Corrugated, Santa Teresa  
High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility, White Sands Missile Range

"The environmental efforts of these six organizations in the last year have saved them a combined \$1,673,000 while recycling 62,292 tons of material, saving two million gallons of water, and keeping 184,330 pounds of carbon dioxide out of our atmosphere," said Secretary Curry. "Preventing pollution is good for business and good for New Mexico."

For further information contact Jon Goldstein, Communications Director, NMED at (505) 827-0314.

###